

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 41, 42 and 43. The claims are as follows:

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31-34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously presented) A method for transmitting a graphics file from a transmitting computer and receiving the graphics file on a receiving computer, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) performing the following steps on the transmitting computer:
 - i) selecting at least one image transmission portion of the graphics file;
 - ii) assigning a priority to the selected at least one image transmission portion to create a prioritized graphics file; and
 - iii) transmitting the prioritized graphics file across a network such that higher priority image transmission portions are transmitted before lower priority image transmission portions;

- b) performing the following steps on the receiving computer:
 - i) receiving a first image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file;
 - ii) translating the first image transmission portion into image data;
 - iii) determining the location of the first image transmission portion; and
 - iv) transferring the image data and the location to an image viewer such that the image viewer can display the first image transmission portion at the location,

wherein the step of transmitting the prioritized graphics file across a network such that higher priority image transmission portions are transmitted before lower priority image transmission portions further comprises the following steps:

- A) simulating transmission and reception of the first image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file;
- B) translating the first image transmission portion into image data;
- C) determining the location of the first image transmission portion;
- D) transferring the image data and the location to an image viewer such that the image viewer can display the first image transmission portion at the location;
- E) waiting a delay; and
- F) repeating steps A through E in each additional iteration of one or more additional iterations of steps A through E, such that the first image portion is stepped to the next image portion of the prioritized graphics file in the first additional iteration and the next

image portion of the prioritized graphics file is sequentially stepped in each subsequent additional iteration, until the entire prioritized graphics file has been transmitted and received.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the step of translating the image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file into image data further comprises the step of decompressing the image transmission portion of the prioritized graphics file.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising the following step that is performed on the transmitting computer:

iv) saving the prioritized graphics file in a prioritized graphics file format.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the prioritized graphics file format comprises joint picture experts group format, graphics interchange format, or bitmap format.

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41-43. (Canceled)

44-46. (Canceled)

47-49. (Canceled)